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Good afternoon,

Attached is the final signed version of Control # R5-13-000-6082 to Paul Kysel regarding the Town of Pines site.

Thanks,

Lauren Bumba
SFD IO

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Paul Kysel, President

Exemption 6

Dear Mr. Kysel:

Thank you for your May 17, 2013 letter regarding the Town of Pines Superfund Alternative Site and your concerns about potential conflicts of interest from contractors.

After considering the concerns presented in your letter, we respectfully decline your request to disqualify the potentially responsible parties' (PRPs') consultant Aecom, and specifically their employee Lisa Bradley, from work at the site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can only disqualify a PRP's contractor if they do not meet minimum technical background and experience requirements. No evidence of that has been presented to EPA. Your letter also demands that EPA arrange for a documented review, by an objective consulting group agreeable to all parties, of all work completed by Aecom to date at the site. A third party review of Aecom's work is not warranted or necessary. The reviews performed by EPA's staff and contractors and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management are scientifically objective, and no substantiated evidence has been presented to refute the adequacy of the reviews. We will continue to work with you, the PINES group, and the public to improve communication about the work at the site, which we hope will mitigate some of your concerns.

EPA does not have the information you requested regarding Tetra Tech's and RSSI's work with the coal, utility, and coal ash industries. EPA did complete a conflict of interest screening of the companies prior to the beginning of their work on the site, and we did not find any conflicts of interest regarding this site.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please contact Matthew Ohl, Remedial Project Manager, at (312) 886-4442 or ohl.matthew@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Karl, Director
Superfund Division